Seamans Charity School

In Chancery.

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COPY OF SCHEME.

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BETWEEN

Her Majesty's Attorney-General - INFORMANT;

AND

Matthew Brickdale (since deceased), *Martin Richard Whish*, *John Acraman* (since deceased), *William Jones* (since deceased), *George Wyld* (since deceased), *William Lamb Willshire* (since deceased), *William Cooke*, *John Bartlett Hill* (since deceased), *Charles Hare* (since deceased), *Samuel Reynolds Wilmot*, *John Tomlinson*, *Samuel Lucas*, *John Loftus* (since deceased), *Henry Attwood* (since deceased), *William Bell* (since deceased), *John Steele*, *John Clark*, *William Hopton Wyld*, *John Hopton Wyld*, *Thomas Lambe Willshire*, *Thomas Stiff*, *Richard Jenkins Poole King*, *Nathaniel Rees Westcott* (since deceased), *John Fothergill*, and *Jasper Westcott* - - - - - DEFENDANTS.

COPY of the SCHEME approved of by the Master's Report made in this Cause, dated the 26th day of July 1844, and confirmed by an Order dated the 25th day of February 1845.

SCHEME.

First.—THAT a site for a School shall be procured, and shall be vested by proper conveyance in the Vicar, Churchwardens and Overseers of the parish of St. Mary Redcliffe, according to the 7th Section of the Act of

Parliament made and passed in the fifth year of the reign of Her present Majesty, intituled, "An Act to afford further Facilities for the Conveyance and Endowment of Sites for Schools," subject, nevertheless, to the several directions hereinafter contained concerning the same.

Second.—That there shall be laid out and expended in the erection of school premises, and master's and mistress's residences, such sum of money, not exceeding the sum of £. 800, as will be sufficient to fully complete, fit for use, the said school premises and master's and mistress's residences; such school site to be procured, and such school premises and residences to be built in some convenient place within two miles of the parish church of St. Mary Redcliffe.

Third.—That the said school shall be for poor children in the parish, and shall be open to the children of the poor inhabitants of the parish of St. Mary Redcliffe, who shall have attained the age of three years, and are not afflicted with any infectious distemper or disease, and who may continue at such school till the age of eight years, and no longer, subject to the regulations hereby provided for the management of such school.

Fourth.—That the £. 80 per annum set apart for a school shall be applied for the maintenance of such school when erected; and until the managers or governors of the school can obtain funds for procuring the said school site and erecting the said school premises and residences for a master and mistress, the said sum of £. 80 shall be from time to time invested, and accumulate until a competent fund is raised for such purpose.

Fifth.—That the vicar and churchwardens of the parish of St. Mary Redcliffe for the time being, together with eighteen or more other persons to be elected by the vestry of the said parish, and the subscribers hereafter mentioned who may become honorary managers, shall be the managers, and shall have the care, manage-

ment, superintendence and control of the said school, and the nomination and displacing of the master and mistress, and of the children to be nominated to the same.

Sixth.—That there shall be a master and mistress to teach in the said school, the amount of whose salaries or stipends shall be fixed and paid by the managers; the residences to be used by the master and mistress, in addition to such stipend; such master and mistress to be removable at pleasure, at the will of the managers, who shall appoint a successor to the person who may be removed.

Seventh.—That on every vacancy of the office of master or mistress to teach in the said school, the Managers shall cause one or more advertisements to be published and circulated within the city of Bristol, giving notice of the vacant office, and that such persons as are desirous of becoming candidates for such office are to forward testimonials to the vicar of the parish, or some other manager to be specially appointed, whose name and address shall be specified in such advertisement, and that such testimonials are to be forwarded by a fixed day to be named in such advertisement; provided that the day so to be named shall be two months at least from the publication thereof.

Eighth.—That the duties of master and mistress shall be to teach the children belonging to the said school the alphabet, reading, writing, spelling, English grammar, and arithmetic, and such other things as the managers shall direct; and there shall also be read daily in the said school, morning and evening, suitable prayers, to be approved of by the managers.

Ninth.—That the said school shall be open and attended from half past nine till twelve o'clock at noon, and from two till five o'clock in the afternoon, during the period intervening between the 25th March and the 29th September in each year; and from half past

nine o'clock in the forenoon till twelve at noon, and from two o'clock till four o'clock in the afternoon, during the period intervening between the 29th September and the 25th March in each year, unless the managers, or any committee of managers, to be appointed by them, shall fix some other more convenient and beneficial hours of attendance.

Tenth.—That no school shall be held on Saturdays in the afternoon; and the holidays to be allowed for Midsummer and Christmas shall be fixed by the managers, and shall not exceed four weeks at each time; in addition to which, there shall be allowed, as holidays, Good Friday, and the days intervening between Good Friday and Thursday in Easter week, and Monday and the days intervening between that day and Thursday in Whitsun week.

Eleventh.—That it shall be lawful for the managers to expel from such school any children who they shall think, from misconduct, ought not to remain therein.

Twelfth.—That a list of the children shall be kept at the school, specifying their parentage and the time of admission, and age of each child when admitted.

Thirteenth.—That the master and mistress shall not receive into the said school any child not elected by the managers, nor shall any such master or mistress receive any recompense or reward from any scholar.

Fourteenth.—That the managers may, if they think fit, fix a weekly sum to be paid by all or any of the persons admitted into such school, not exceeding in any case Two-pence per week, such sum so to be fixed to be applied for the purposes of the school, in and about the purchase of books, slates, &c., and in augmentation of the stipends of master and mistress, or either of them, and in rewards to scholars, or for all or any of those purposes, at the discretion of the managers.

Fifteenth.—That in order to increase the annual income of the school, a subscription list shall always be open to the parishioners and other persons interested in the success of the school, and every person who shall subscribe One guinea annually for the space of five years may be admitted, and continue a honorary manager so long as such person shall continue such subscription, and shall have the same authority in all things appertaining to the management of the school as the other managers; but if any such person shall discontinue such annual subscription for the space of one whole year, he shall thereupon cease to continue a honorary manager; and every person who shall subscribe Ten guineas, and the executor, or if more than one, one of the executors of every person who shall leave by will the sum of 20 guineas and upwards, shall, on making such payment, be admitted a honorary manager for and during the period of their natural life, and shall have the same authority as the other managers of the school; and the monies to be received from such subscribers shall be applied and appropriated in the maintenance of the school, and in the payment or increase of the master's or mistress's salary, as the managers shall think fit; and if at any time there shall be a surplus more than sufficient to defray the annual expenses of the school, the same shall be invested in the Three per cent. Bank Annuities, and shall form part of the capital stock for the maintenance and support of the school.

Sixteenth.—That every master and mistress elected to fill the office of master and mistress shall, before admission to office, sign a memorandum in writing to the following effect, and which shall be preserved by the managers; (that is to say)

> "I, having been appointed [master or mistress, as the case may be] of the school for the education of infant children in the parish of Saint Mary Redcliffe, in the city of Bristol, do hereby promise and undertake faithfully and diligently to perform the

duties of such office as the managers may direct; and I also promise and undertake not to receive any payment or reward, either directly or indirectly, from any of the scholars whatsoever (except any weekly payments which may be fixed by the said managers), and to quit and deliver up to the managers of the said school, immediately upon being removed or discharged from serving the same, the possession of all and singular the premises and all the property belonging to the said school which I shall or may be in possession of as master [or mistress, as the case may be] of the said school; and in case I shall neglect or refuse to deliver up possession thereof, and every part thereof, as aforesaid, the said managers may, without any proceeding in law or equity, enter into and upon and take possession of the premises and things of which possession shall not be delivered up as aforesaid. As witness my hand the day of 18 .

" Witness [Two Witnesses.]"

Seventeenth.—That once or oftener in every year, at such time as the managers for the time being shall appoint, an examination of the boys and girls shall take place in the said school; and for the purpose of such examination, the managers for the time being, or a committee thereof, shall attend at such examination.

Eighteenth.—That the school premises be insured from fire, and shall be repaired at the expense of the school, and directions for making such repairs shall be given by the managers whenever such repairs shall be necessary.

Nineteenth.—That an account shall be kept of the annual receipts and expenditure of the school, and an abstract of such account shall be published in one of the Bristol newspapers, and a printed copy of such abstract sent to the subscribers and managers of the school.

Twentieth.—That this Scheme shall be printed, and a copy delivered to every person who shall from time to time become a manager.

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